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SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker and honored guests. First I'd like to welcome my old boss John P. "Red" Munnelly. He was the whip on me for 33 years at the Post Office before I retired and he has not changed yet. Now it's my honor to introduce the sweetheart, the lovable one of our 14th District. She helped me when I ran and she's a real, real doll, Miss Florence Reynolds of the 14th District.

MISS REYNOLDS: It's not only a pleasure to be here, but I want to thank each and every one of you of the present Legislative body for my birthday card. I appreciated it.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Thank you, Senator Reynolds. Senator Marsh did you have someone, Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of this body and our guests. I understand that another former member of the 29th Legislative District, Mr. Robert Perry, has come into the room. Bob please stand and take a bow.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Barry Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr Chairman, members of the body. It is my pleasure to have with me today my two immediate predecessors. On my right, my immediate predecessor for 8 years in this body, Senator E. Thome Johnson. His predecessor for 8 previous years to him from Hooper, Ross Rasmussen. Incidentally, Ross is responsible for this whole get together today.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Next Chair will recognizes Senator Elroy Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, honored guests. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce my guest today. He is a former Governor Dwight Burney. He lives at Polk, Nebraska now. He served us 12 years in the Legislature from 1945-1957. He also served as Speaker from '55-56. He was also Lieutenant Governor for 8 years from '57-65. He also was acting Governor from September 9, 1960 to January 5, 1961. Would you please stand and be recognized? Also another member from the 19th District and you all know him very well, Senator Jules Burbach. He couldn't be here this afternoon because he had to attend a funeral. He served the Legislature 20 years from '57-77. He was also Speaker of the body in '75 and '76. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: At this point, Senator Kelly, I don't believe is on the floor, so I'm going to take the opportunity to introduce Judge Joe Martin, former Legislator from Grand Island. Joe where are you? There he is back there. Welcome. Chair recognizes Senator Don Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, honored guests. I just had a phone conversation from former Senator J. O. Peck, indicating his regrets that he couldn't be here and wishing everybody the best of the day. I also have a letter indicating that Senator Nore and Catherine would be here and I haven't seen them. Maybe they're around. I'm very pleased, extremely pleased to introduce the first female member of the Legislature or of the Unicameral from Albion, Nebraska and not only our first woman Senator but to my knowledge the only woman legion commander in the state of Nebraska. It gives me extreme pleasure to introduce Senator Nell Krause.